

## Brewer Takes Issue with Administration President Continues to Neglect Costs to County of Illegal Alien Problem

A vital criminal justice need here in Maricopa County, which the Clinton Administration seems to be neglecting, is the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). This program reimburses counties for the eligible costs of incarcerating undocumented aliens who have committed serious crimes.

Although the federal government has total responsibility for securing our nation's borders, Washington continues to reimburse local governments at only 48 percent of the costs. That adds up to an additional \$6 million here in Maricopa County which could have helped pay for the costs of incarceration of illegal aliens.

Shockingly, the Clinton Administration decided to cut incarceration funding for illegal immigrants by some \$85 million this year.

Congressmen Bob Stump, John Shadegg, J.D. Hayworth and Ed Pastor deserve high praise for fighting the President and reinserting the \$85 million back into H.R. 2670, the House Justice, State and Commerce Appropriation bill. Senator John Kyl is also fighting diligently to reinsert the same \$85 million into the Senate version.

Ultimately, it's time for President Clinton and Congress to do what's right for our local criminal justice system, not what's political-

ly expedient. Lets support our Arizona Congressional delegation in their fight to start paying for the entire cost of criminal alien incarceration.

Until then, our entire criminal justice system will be hampered with a lack of funding to address illegal aliens in our jail.



Supervisor Jan Brewer

## Maricopa County Survey

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors wants to hear from you about important county issues to help aid in the planning of the future needs of the county. Please answer the questions below in the blank in the space provided below and fax or mail back today. Fax number:(602)506-6362

1. What do you think is the primary function(s) of county government?

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3. What county provided program or services do you think should be expanded or curtailed?

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2. What do you think is the most important issue in county government?

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4. What do you think county government should put more emphasis on when planning for the future needs of Maricopa County?

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5. Additional Comments and Suggestions:

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